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**Alabama Department of Public Health  
State Team Meeting Minutes  
Montgomery, AL  
January 21, 2016**

**State Team Members Present:**

Scott Belton (Proxy-Director Michael Sparks-AL Dept Forensic Sciences)  
Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Thomas Miller, M.D.- Acting State Health Officer)  
Christy Cain (Private Citizen)  
Steven Dunton, M.D. (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)  
Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)  
Captain Keith Jackson (AL Dept Public Safety) (Proxy-Colonel John Richardson)  
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Jim Perdue-AL Dept of Mental Health)  
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen)  
Chris Newlin (Private Citizen)  
Gina South (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers)  
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)

**Guests/Staff Present:**

Folashadé Ayanwale (ADPH Staff)  
Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff)  
Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff)  
Lela Carol (AL Sheriff's Association)  
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)  
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)  
Cathy Molchan (ADPH Staff)  
Xuejen Shen (ADPH Staff)  
Hope Skelton (AL Dept Human Resources)

**Conference Call:**

Senator Gerald Dial (Chair of House Health Committee)  
Sheriff Bill Franklin (AL Sheriff's Association)  
Timothy Kimbrell (AL Coroner's Association)  
Marian Loftin (Private Citizen)  
Kathy Monroe, M.D. (Medical Association of AL)  
Chief Steven Parrish (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)  
Colonel John Richardson (AL Dept Public Safety)  
Debra Williams, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics)  
Bill Yates (Jefferson County Coroner/Medical Examiner)  
(Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.)

**Call to Order**

On January 21, 2016, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

## **Welcome of Members and Guests**

Ms. Aretha Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

## **Old Business**

### **State Team Membership Update**

Ms. Bracy reported that Dr. Debra Williams who represents the Alabama Academy of Pediatrics and Gina South who represents the Network of Children's Advocacy Centers have been reappointed. Dr. Bill King and Christy Cain serve as Governor appointees whose terms will expire before our next meeting and they are not eligible for reappointment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

With a quorum of members being present, the minutes for the April 16, 2015, October 21, 2015 meetings and the July 16, 2015 conference call meeting were approved as written.

### **Case Status Update**

Ms. Bracy reviewed the Case Status and Team Performance Report with updates on communications with local team coordinators and district attorneys. State Team members continue to express concerns regarding low and inactive performing teams. The staff will continue to encourage and assist local review teams with case completion and submission.

### **2015 Recommendations**

The 2015 proposed Recommendations were approved electronically and an official copy will be included in the 2012 Annual Report.

### **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Update**

Ms. Ayanwale reported that SADD National is still moving forward with the "SADD Strong" chapters, a fee-based membership. Ms Ayanwale reported that other state coordinators and Alabama's advisors feel that a membership fee would decrease participation. Other options will be explored to keep SADD activities and resources available in Alabama.

### **Teen Driver Safety**

Ms. Ayanwale continues teen driver safety education and outreach efforts through schools and organizations statewide.

### **Urkeys2drive Update**

URKEYS2DRV Phase II will take place in the fall of 2016 and sites selected are Greenville, Florence and Birmingham. The same format from previous years will be used.

## **CPS Clinics**

Ms. Ayanwale reported that the car seat clinics continue monthly where eligible families can receive appropriate child restraints and car seat checks.

## **PHE Committees**

Ms Ayanwale made remarks regarding her membership in various organizations and committees to provide education and training regarding issues with highway safety, substance abuse and health literacy. Membership: Alabama School of Alcohol Drugs and other Studies, Health Literacy Council, Strategic Highway Safety Committee and Health Info Net

## **New Business**

Ms. Cathy Molchan, Director of Center for Health Statistics presented on the death certificate completion process and the partnership with Child Death Review.

## **2016 Legislative Agenda**

Ms. Christy Cain reported that the 2016 legislative session would begin on Feb 2, 2016 and summarized several proposed bills impacting children and families. Enhancements are proposed to the Graduated Drivers License Law where 16 year old drivers in violation of the law will return to the learner's permit stage. Ms. Cain reported that updates would be available on their website and agency newsletter.

## **2016 Biennial Training Conference**

Because of Financial constraints it will be held in Montgomery, AL and we will not utilize an event coordinator.

## **Tentative 2016 Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, April 21, 2016
- Thursday, July 21, 2016\*
- Thursday, October 20, 2016\*

\* The July or October meeting date could change to coincide with the biennial training conference.

## **Open Discussion**

Mr. Burleson made remarks regarding ASPARK supporting the Jason-Flatt Act requiring that teachers would have training on Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

## **Executive Session (if necessary)**

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.